

House File 2685 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2518)
(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 647)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to rules for the discharge of wastewater from
2 water well drilling sites and providing for a fee.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 6093HZ 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.198 WASTEWATER DISCHARGE
1 2 FROM WELL DRILLING SITES == RULES.
1 3 1. The commission shall adopt rules to regulate the
1 4 discharge of wastewater from water well drilling sites. The
1 5 rules shall incorporate the following considerations:
1 6 a. The size of the well as measured by the flow of water
1 7 in gallons per minute.
1 8 b. The best management practices to address wastewater
1 9 discharge.
1 10 c. Requirements for notification to the department prior
1 11 to the commencement of drilling operations.
1 12 d. Requirements for retention of records for a well.
1 13 e. Reasonable and appropriate limitations on wastewater
1 14 discharge that take into consideration the need for the well
1 15 and the need to protect the environment.
1 16 2. The commission shall have the authority in the rules to
1 17 provide for the issuance of a general permit and to establish
1 18 a fee sufficient to recover the costs of issuing a general
1 19 permit, which shall not exceed fifty dollars. The fees shall
1 20 be remitted to the department and shall be used by the
1 21 department to administer the permitting requirements of this
1 22 section.
1 23 3. The commission shall convene an advisory committee that
1 24 includes representatives of the Iowa water well association to
1 25 assist in the development of the rules.
1 26 4. The rules shall be adopted no later than July 31, 2009.

EXPLANATION

1 28 This bill relates to water well drilling.
1 29 The bill directs the environmental protection commission to
1 30 develop rules for water well drilling and requires the rules
1 31 to incorporate the following considerations: the size of the
1 32 well as measured by the flow of water in gallons per minute,
1 33 best management practices to address wastewater discharge,
1 34 requirements for notification to the department prior to the
1 35 commencement of drilling operations, requirements for
2 1 retention of records for a well, and reasonable and
2 2 appropriate limitations on wastewater discharge that consider
2 3 the need for the well and the need to protect the environment.
2 4 The bill directs the commission to impose a fee sufficient
2 5 to cover the cost of issuing permits provided the fee is less
2 6 than \$50.
2 7 The bill directs the commission to convene an advisory
2 8 committee of representatives from the Iowa water well
2 9 association to assist in the development of the rules.
2 10 The bill provides that the rules be adopted no later than
2 11 July 31, 2009.
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